

REMARKS

As a preliminary matter, it is noted that the Examiner has not provided an initialed copy of the Information Disclosure Statement filed on July 11, 2003. A copy of the IDS and stamped-post card showing receipt by the PTO is attached hereto for the Examiner's reference. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner provide Applicants an initialed copy of the IDS indicating that each of the prior art references cited therein have been considered and made of record.

Furthermore, it is noted that the Examiner has apparently not initialed any of the foreign prior art references cited in the IDS filed on November 7, 2003 without identifying any reason for not doing so. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner provide Applicants another copy of the November 7 IDS which includes the Examiner's initials for each of the prior art references cited therein indicating that they have been considered and made of record. A duplicate copy of the IDS is attached hereto for the Examiner's convenience.

Claims 1-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 over USP No. 6,598,421. This rejection is respectfully traversed because claims 1-13 are not currently pending. The Examiner apparently has not considered the preliminary amendment filed on July 11, 2003 which canceled claims 1-13 and added new claims 14-25 (copy with stamped post-card attached hereto for Examiner's reference). It is believed that new claims 14-25 obviate the 35 U.S.C. § 101 rejection. Based on the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101 be withdrawn.


CONCLUSION

Having fully responded to all matters raised in the Office Action, Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance, an indication for which is respectfully solicited. If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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Docket No.: 43888-263

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :
Masaaki SUZUKI, et al. :
Serial No.: Continuation of : Group Art Unit: To be assigned
Application No. 10/110,721 :
Filed: July 11, 2003 : Examiner: To be assigned
For: COMPRESSOR AND REFRIGERATION SYSTEM USING THE SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, below the title, insert the following:

--Related Applications

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/110,721, filed April 15, 2002, , which is a 35 USC 371 application of PCT/JP00/07391, filed October 23, 2000, and a co-pending application of (our Docket No. 43888-264), filed July 11, 2003.--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 1 and add new claims 14 - 25.

Claims 1-13 (Cancelled).

14. (New) A refrigerant system device comprising a compressor including a compression mechanism unit, said compressor being characterized in that a nonpolar refrigerant is used as a working fluid and an insulation part of a rotating section is formed from a low dielectric constant plastic film having a specific dielectric constant of 1.2 to 3.0.

15. (New) The refrigerant system device in accordance with claim 14, wherein said nonpolar refrigerant contains at least one of propane and isobutane.

16. (New) The refrigerant system device in accordance with claim 14, wherein said nonpolar refrigerant is carbon dioxide.

17. (New) The refrigerant system device in accordance with claim 14, wherein said working fluid contains a nonpolar oil as a lubricating oil.

18. (New) The refrigerant system device in accordance with claim 17, wherein said nonpolar oil is a mineral oil.

19. (New) The refrigerant system device in accordance with claim 14, wherein said low dielectric constant plastic film is a polyester film having pores therein.

20. (New) The refrigerant system device in accordance with claim 19, wherein said film has a pore volume ratio of 10 to 95 vol%.

21. (New) The refrigerant system device in accordance with claim 20, wherein said pores have a mean pore size of 0.1 to 10 μm .

22. (New) The refrigerant system device in accordance with claim 14, wherein said low dielectric constant plastic film is a fluorocarbon resin film.

23. (New) The refrigerant system device in accordance with claim 19, wherein said low dielectric constant plastic film is a laminated composite film comprising a base film having a low dielectric constant and an auxiliary film having a higher dielectric constant than said base film.

24. (New) The refrigerant system device in accordance with claim 19, wherein said low dielectric constant plastic film has a specific dielectric constant of 2.0 to 2.8.

25. (New) The refrigerant system device in accordance with claim 14, wherein said low dielectric constant plastic film forms at an iron core of said rotating section, an insulation part for insulating a field coil and a slot.

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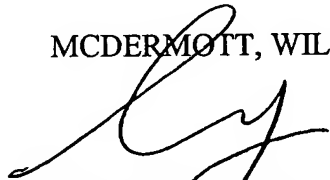
By this amendment, all claims are cancelled from the application and replaced by new claims 14 - 25.

Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

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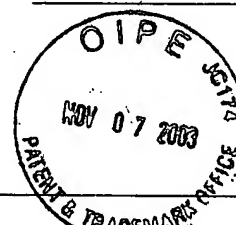
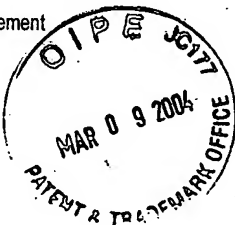
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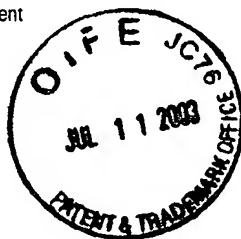
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7. The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended at 4 and 6 above:

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Independent Claims	1	-3	0	\$84.00 =	\$0.00
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- 7a. ☐ Enclosed is a Verified Statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27.
- 7b. ☐ A verified Statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27 was filed in prior application and such status is still proper and desired.
- 8a. ☒ **PLEASE CHARGE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT 500417 in the amount of \$750.00**
- 8b. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any extension of time fees to maintain the pendency of the parent application Serial No. 10/110,721 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 500417.
9. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
 --This application is a continuation of Application Serial No. 10/110,721, filed April 15, 2002, which is a 35 USC 371 application of international application Serial No. PCT/JP07391, filed October 23, 2000--.
10. ☒ Priority of Application Serial No. Hei 11-303636 filed on October 26, 1999, in Japan is claimed under 35 USC 119. The certified priority document was filed in Serial No. PCT/JP07391.
11. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to
MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD.
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12. ☒ The power of attorney in the prior application is to:
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13. ☐ Also enclosed:

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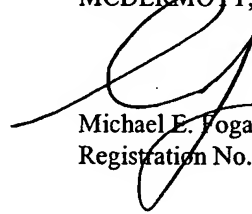
14. ☐ A petition, fee and response has been filed to extend the term in the pending prior application until .

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